

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 4, 6, 9, 19 and 22, amend claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 13, 18 and 20, and add new claims 23-29. The status of the claims is as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A rod hanger for securing a rod to a substrate, comprising:

a mounting portion configured for engaging the substrate and having a hole configured for engaging a fastener;

a rod receiving portion configured for receiving the rod;

a connecting element configured for vertically displacing said mounting portion and said rod receiving portion; and

~~at least one~~ a plurality of anti-rotation elements on said mounting portion spaced apart from said hole and configured for engaging the substrate.

2. (Original) The rod hanger of claim 1, wherein at least one of said mounting portion and said rod receiving portion define a generally planar shape.

3. (Currently Amended) The rod hanger of claim 1, wherein said mounting portion includes a top surface for engaging the substrate; and a bottom surface, said hole extending between said top and bottom surfaces, and wherein said plurality of

anti-rotation elements are on said top surface. ~~and a hole configured for engaging a fastener.~~

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) The rod hanger of claim 1, further including a fastener associated with said mounting portion and dimensioned to extend through asaid hole in said mounting portion, said fastener including a pin end connected to a shank portion and a head.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) The rod hanger of claim 65, wherein said fastener further includes a fluted member and a guard member.

8. (Currently Amended) The rod hanger of claim 1, wherein said rod receiving portion includes a top surface, a bottom surface and a hole configured for threadably engaging the rod, said hole including a lip formation disposed about said hole and configured to threadably engage the rod.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) The rod hanger of claim 1, wherein planes respectively defined by said mounting portion and said rod receiving portion are generally parallel, and wherein said plurality of anti rotation elements are disposed on said mounting portion plane.

11. (Original) The rod hanger of claim 1, wherein said connecting element includes at least one coined impression at a juncture defined by said connecting element and said rod receiving portion and at least one coined impression at a juncture defined by said connecting element and said mounting portion.

12. (Original) The rod hanger of claim 1, wherein said rod hanger defines a unitary body with a generally uniform thickness.

13. (Currently Amended) A rod hanger for securing a rod to a substrate, comprising:

a mounting portion ~~configured for engaging the substrate~~ having parallel top and bottom planar surfaces and a hole extending therebetween, said top surface configured for engaging the substrate;

a rod receiving portion configured for receiving the rod;

a connecting element configured for vertically displacing said mounting portion and said rod receiving portion; and

at least one anti-rotation element on said mounting portion configured for engaging the substrate, wherein the anti-rotation element is disposed on said mounting portion top surface, spaced apart from said hole and configured ~~the mounting portion to~~ engage the substrate and counteract a moment acting upon said rod hanger after said rod hanger has been engaged with the substrate.

14. (Original) The rod hanger of claim 13, wherein said at least one anti-rotation element has a generally hemisphered shape.

15. (Original) The rod hanger of claim 13, wherein said at least one anti-rotation element is provided in a generally truncated hollow cone shape.

16. (Original) The rod hanger of claim 13, wherein said at least one anti-rotation element is configured in a generally rectangular shape with a contoured surface.

17. (Original) The rod hanger of claim 13, wherein said at least one anti-rotation element has a generally pointed shape.

18. (Currently Amended) The rod hanger of claim 13, wherein said mounting portion has a plurality of corners, and wherein said at least one anti-rotation element comprises at least four anti-rotation elements each is configured in a generally

rectangular shape and ~~forms~~forming a raised edge at each of said corners of the mounting portion.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) The rod hanger of claim 13, wherein said mounting portion has a plurality of corners and wherein said at least one anti-rotation element is configured in a generally rectangular shape and is formed from an upturned edge at at each of said plurality of ~~least one corners~~ of said mounting portion.

21. (Original) The rod hanger of claim 20 wherein top surfaces of said at least one upturned edge are one of flat and pointed.

22. (Canceled)

23. (New) The rod hanger of claim 1 wherein each of said plurality of anti-rotation elements is uniformly spaced from said hole.

24. (New) The rod hanger of claim 1 wherein said mounting portion defines a plane, said hole being coincident along said plane and having a radius, and wherein said plurality of anti-rotation elements are uniformly spaced along said plane in a radial direction from said hole.

25. (New) The rod hanger of claim 1 wherein said mounting portion defines a plane, and wherein said plurality of anti-rotation elements are disposed along said plane and have an angular orientation of about 90° to said plane.

26. (New) The rod hanger of claim 1 wherein said mounting portion defines a plane, said hole being coincident along said plane and defining a circumference of 360° , and wherein said plurality of anti-rotation elements comprise four anti-rotation elements disposed along said plane uniformly from said hole and spaced from one another by about 90° along the circumference of said hole.

27. (New) The rod hanger of claim 1 wherein said plurality of anti-rotation elements comprises at least four anti-rotation elements.

28. (New) The rod hanger of claim 13 wherein said at least one anti-rotation element comprises a plurality of anti-rotation elements uniformly spaced from said hole on said top planar surface along a radial direction.

29. (New) The rod hanger of claim 13 wherein said mounting portion has four corners, and wherein said at least one anti-rotation element comprises at least four anti-rotation elements, each of said anti-rotation elements being disposed proximate to a corresponding one of said corners.